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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, DC 20554

Re: Request for Extension of Time, Applications of Sprint Nextel Corporation, Transferor and SoftBank Corp., and Starburst II, Inc., Transferees, IB Docket No. 12-343

Dear Ms. Dortch,

On December 20, 2012, DISH Network L.L.C. ("DISH") filed a motion for extension of time in the above-referenced applications ("Softbank-Sprint Applications") to allow interested parties sufficient time to fully consider new information concerning the proposed transaction related to Sprint Nextel Corporation's ("Sprint's") announcement earlier this week that Sprint intends to purchase 100% of Clearwire. Pursuant to DISH's request, petitions to deny would be due January 25, 2013, oppositions would be due February 12, 2013, and replies would be due February 22, 2013.

Also on December 20, 2012, Sprint filed an amendment to the Softbank-Sprint Applications to also request approval of the Clearwire transaction and to acknowledge that it amounts to a transfer of control over Clearwire. The Clearwire transaction had not been announced when the Softbank-Sprint Applications were filed or when the Commission placed the Softbank-Sprint Applications on public notice. The amendment qualifies as a major amendment under Section 1.929(a)(2) of the Commission's rules because it would represent a substantial change in ownership or control of Clearwire. Where an amendment to an application constitutes a major change, "the amendment shall be treated as a new application for determination of filing date, public notice and petition to deny purposes."

DISH respectfully requests that the Commission either approve its request for an extension of time or issue a new public notice with a revised comment period consistent with

¹ 47 C.F.R. § 1.929(a)(2).

² 47 C.F.R. § 1.927(h).



Section 1.927(h) of the Commission's rules. If a revised public notice is issued in the next few days, there will not be a substantial delay in the proceeding (and virtually no difference from the extension that DISH requested). But the additional time will serve the public interest for all the reasons DISH noted in its extension request and by ensuring that the Commission receives full and informed responses from all interested parties.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

/s/ Pantelis Michalopoulos Christopher Bjornson Counsel for DISH Network L.L.C.